

(NREL) / DOE Subcontract with Genencor for "Cellulase Cost Reduction for Bioethanol"

Enzyme Sugar Platform and
Advanced Pretreatment Interim
Stage Reviews

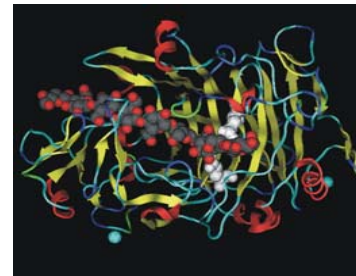
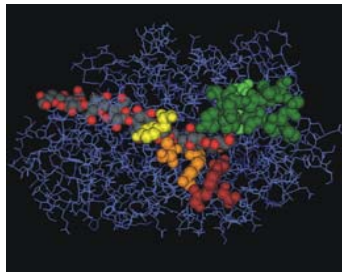
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Improved Low Cost Cellulase for Biomass Conversion

- Project background and strategy
- Progress to date
- What this progress means



Project Background

- National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) / DOE Subcontract with Genencor for "Cellulase Cost Reduction for Bioethanol"
- Focus:
 - Economically acceptable enzymatic conversion of cellulosic biomass to glucose for fermentation to ethanol or other products
 - Renewable fuel and chemical alternative to petroleum
- Goal: 10-Fold reduction in cost of enzymes for biomass conversion
 - Project start date: April 27, 2000
 - Duration: 38 months June 26, 2003



Core Technology: GCOR/DOE/NREL Cellulase Development Team

Optimize Enzymes



Optimize Bio-
Production System



High Efficiency – Low
Cost Enzyme Production

Enzymes



Organism Fermenting

C5

C6

C5/C6



Biomass



Pretreatment



Cellulose
Hydrolysis



Fermentation



Product
Recovery



Lignin
Utilization

Ethanol



Strategy

- 10X cost reduction goal achievable only by BOTH:
 - Improved production economics (reduced \$/gm enzyme)
 - Improved cellulase performance (reduced gm enzyme/gal EtOH)

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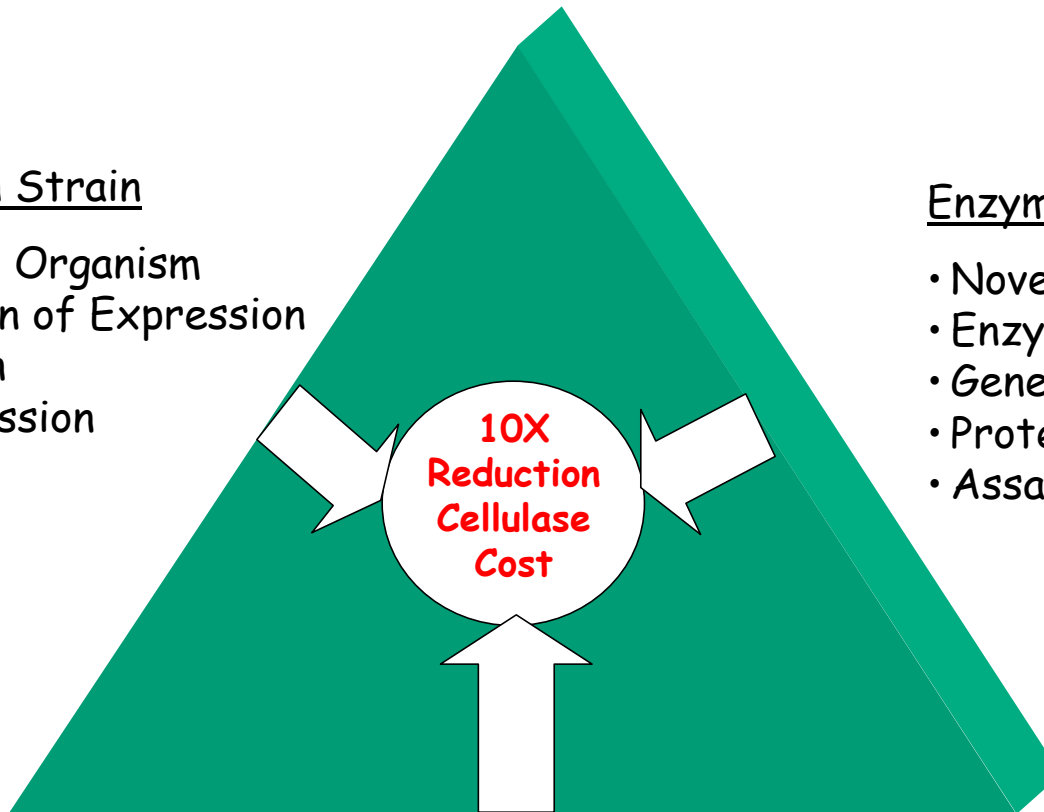
Strategy: Integrated Plan of Action

Production Strain

- Choice of Organism
- Regulation of Expression
- Induction
- De-repression
- Genomics

Enzyme Performance

- Novel Cellulolytic Activities
- Enzyme Discovery
- Generation of Diversity
- Protein Engineering
- Assays and Screens



Production Process

- Host Engineering
 - Fermentation Process Development
 - Breakthrough Production Economics
- Product Recovery Manufacturing Economics of Scale



Bottom line

- Genencor has surpassed the NREL/DOE Subcontract 10X goal
- ~12-Fold reduction in cost of enzymes for biomass conversion has been achieved to date

Summary

- Improved production economics (5X)
 - Process and strain enhancements
 - Functional genomics identified many *T. reesei* genes for targeted strain improvement
- Improved Cellulase Performance (2-3X)
 - Functional Genomics identified several novel *T. reesei* cellulase components
 - Improved CBHI proteins engineered with increased activity and stability
 - Other enzyme recruitments



What we developed

- A cellulase enzyme system that targets the future industry of biomass conversion to fermentable sugars / EtOH
- A production organism and a process to produce the enhanced cellulase system

What this means (in practical terms)

- An enzyme cocktail has been developed which is tailored to dilute acid pretreated corn stover (NREL model process)
- A production strain and system to produce it has been developed
- Enzyme cost per gal EtOH produced (per NREL calculations) is ~12X below existing commercial cellulases
- Projected cost of enzymes for biomass ethanol of \$0.30 - 0.40/gal EtOH (NREL process and conditions)



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 - Audited by NREL
- Second term - enzyme performance
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 - From 2002 design report - \$0.30/gal EtOH
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Where do we go from here?

- Still need to go ~3-4X to get to \$0.10/gal EtOH (will be highly process dependant)
- This is aggressive but achievable!